

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
March 23, 2020

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:45 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. As the courthouse has been closed to the public, electronic access (audio only) has been made available through zoom.us. Media representatives participating electronically included Coltrane Carlson, Rick Morain and Janice Harbaugh. Motion by Contner, second by Bardole to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Rudolph, second by Burkett to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair John Muir reported that an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) meeting had been held electronically last week with participants Jack Williams (Sheriff), Becky Wolf (Public Health), Dennis Morlan (Emergency Mgt), Michelle Fields (IT), Wade Weiss (Engineer), Brandon Hayes (Hospital), Pete Bardole (Supervisor) and himself. A department head meeting was also held.

Chuck Wenthold reported that the courthouse and tower elevators are being worked on this week to provide required updates. Wenthold also indicated that the IDNR has approved a thirty-day extension for a hog confinement application (Stumpf Finishers LLC Site, Section 32, Highland Twp).

County attorney Thomas Laehn reported that the court system is "business as usual" in the county and noted that he has thirty-eight pretrial conference calls this week. Laehn also shared that he is reviewing a sample policy for county employees provided by Renee Von Bokern (county HR consultant) for emergency sick leave and FMLA expansion.

Local Disaster Declaration was read by Chair Muir for consideration. Motion by Rudolph, second by Contner to adopt Resolution 2020-17:

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a national public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Iowa issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency after multiple individuals in the State of Iowa had tested presumptively positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 135.140(6)(b)(3) defines a public health disaster as "a disaster which specifically involves an imminent threat of an illness or health condition that ... [p]oses a high probability of ... [w]idespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of the affected population";

WHEREAS, all available information indicates that COVID-19 currently poses an imminent threat of widespread infection and a significant risk of substantial future harm to the citizens of Greene County;

WHEREAS, the Greene County Emergency Management Commission and Greene County Public Health have recommended that a local disaster emergency be declared;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local disaster emergency will permit access to local emergency funds; federal and state assistance; and adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health and welfare;

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.301(1) authorizes a county to “exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate ... to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its citizens”;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Greene County Board of Supervisors hereby declares a state of disaster emergency in Greene County due to the emergence and spread of COVID-19 in order to enable the deployment of emergency funds and any needed available resources; to invoke mutual aid agreements; to receive assistance, whether monetary or otherwise, from other agencies and levels of government; to make application to the State of Iowa’s individual assistance program; and to exercise any other local powers as may be needed to protect human life and critical infrastructure throughout the duration of the emergency;

FURTHERMORE, the effective date of this public health disaster emergency shall be retroactive to the date of March 8, 2020, and shall remain in effect as long as the Governor’s Declaration of Disaster Emergency remains in effect, unless extended by further action of the Greene County Board of Supervisors.

Aye: Bardole, Burkett, Contner, Muir, Rudolph. Resolution unanimously approved.

Chair Muir acknowledged that the DD187 bid opening originally scheduled for the boardroom was moved to the local office of Bolton and Menk Engineers. The results of bids are to be reported at the next meeting. No action will be taken until bid review by Bolton and Menk staff.

Motion by Bardole, second by Burkett to approve Midwest Alarm Services Agreement, and giving Chuck Wenthold signatory authority for the document. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rudolph, second by Bardole to approve Full Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc. for an annual fee of \$1,250. Motion carried unanimously. As the County has outstanding bonds that are subject to continuing disclosure under Securities & Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, Northland is to annually submit information about material events that occur to the EMMA (Electronic Municipal Market Access) website for investor review as well as the County’s previous year audit.

Motion by Contner, second by Burkett to approve claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor